

App. No. 10/768,035
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Amendments to the Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for providing contacts to a device, comprising:
obtaining a search input from a user an input field to locate a contact; wherein the search input is a single character;
accessing contacts from the device;
searching information within each of the accessed contacts to locate relevant contacts that include the search input, wherein the information that may be searched includes any information contained within the contact;
unifying the relevant contacts; and
providing the unified contacts;
monitoring the input field to determine when a new search input is entered and automatically updating the contacts in response to the new search input.

Claim 2 (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein searching the information within each of the accessed contacts to locate the relevant contacts that include the search input, further comprises searching at least three fields within each of the accessed contacts.

Claim 3 (original): The method of Claim 1, further comprising selecting a contact from the unified contacts and accessing the selected contact.

Claim 4 (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein accessing contacts from the device further comprises accessing at least two different contact lists.

Claim 5 (original): The method of Claim 2, wherein obtaining the search input may include obtaining at least one input selected from a character, number, and icon.

Claim 6 (original): The method of Claim 5, wherein searching the information within each of the accessed contacts further comprises searching a portion of a field within the contact for the search input.

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Claim 7 (original): The method of Claim 5, further comprising searching a first database for a first portion of relevant contacts, the first portion containing one or more entries from the first database; searching a second database for a second portion of relevant contacts; wherein at least some of the entries in the first portion have a different data structure format than at least some of the entries in the second portion.

Claim 8 (original): The method of Claim 6, wherein accessing contacts from the device further comprises accessing one or more of the following: a contacts database, a speed dial database, a call logs database, and a SIM contacts database.

Claim 9 (original): The method of Claim 2, wherein unifying the relevant contacts further comprises removing duplicates.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium for providing contacts to a device, comprising:

obtaining a search input from ~~a user~~ an input field to locate a contact; wherein the search input is a single character;

accessing contacts from at least two different sources on the device;

searching a majority of information within each of the accessed contacts to locate relevant contacts that include the search input;

unifying the relevant contacts; and

~~providing displaying~~ the unified contacts;

monitoring the input field to determine when a new search input is entered and automatically updating the display of the contacts in response to the new search input.

Claim 11 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 10, wherein searching the majority of information within each of the accessed contacts to locate the relevant contacts that include the search input, further comprises searching at least three fields within each of the accessed contacts.

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Claim 12 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 10, further comprising selecting a contact from the unified contacts and accessing the selected contact.

Claim 13 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 10, wherein obtaining the search input may include obtaining at least one input selected from a character, number, and icon.

Claim 14 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 13, wherein searching the information within each of the associated contacts further comprises searching a portion of a field within the contact for the search input.

Claim 15 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 13, further comprising searching first database for a first portion of relevant contacts, the first portion containing one or more entries from the first database; searching a second database for a second portion of relevant contacts; wherein at least some of the entries in the first portion have a different data structure format than at least some of the entries in the second portion.

Claim 16 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 15, wherein accessing contacts from the device further comprises accessing at least one or more of the following: a contacts database, a speed dial database, a call logs database, and a SIM contacts database.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The computer-readable medium of Claim 11, wherein unifying the relevant contacts further comprises removing duplicates.

Claim 18 (currently amended): A system for providing contacts to a device, comprising:

- an input device configured to receive search input from a user;
- a display configured to display contacts;
- a data store arranged to store contacts; and
- an application that is configured to perform the following actions, including:

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obtaining the search input that is used to locate a contact; wherein the search input is a single character;

accessing the contacts from the data store;

searching information within each of the accessed contacts to locate relevant contacts that include the search input, wherein a majority of information within each of the accessed contacts may be searched;

unifying the relevant contacts; and

displaying the unified contacts on the display; and monitoring the input device to determine when a new search input is entered and automatically updating the display of the unified contacts in response to the new search input.

Claim 19 (original): The system of Claim 18, wherein obtaining the search input includes obtaining at least one input selected from a character, number, and icon.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The system of Claim 18, wherein searching the majority of the information within each of the associated contacts further comprises searching a portion of a field within the contact for the search input.

Claim 21 (original): The system of Claim 20, wherein accessing the contacts from the data store further comprises accessing at least one or more of the following: a contacts database, a speed dial database, a call logs database, and a SIM contacts database.

Claim 22 (original): The system of Claim 20, wherein unifying the relevant contacts further comprises removing duplicates.